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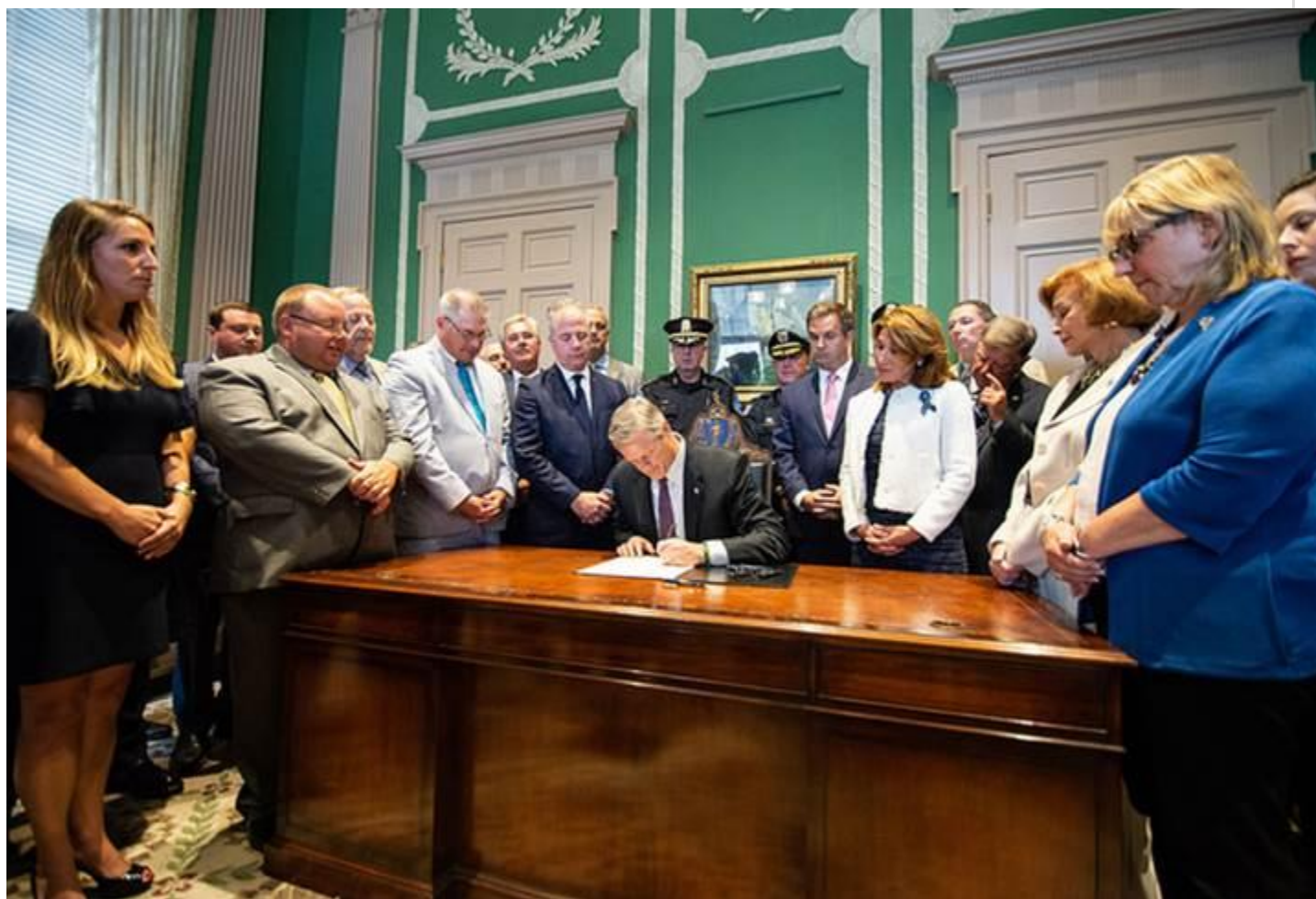
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**PHOTO RELEASE: Governor Baker Signs Bill Funding Municipal Police Training**



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**BOSTON** – Governor Charlie Baker today signed H. 4516, *An Act relative to the municipal police training fund*,

which will allow the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) to conduct additional recruitment and trainings that will give local police critical tools needed to ensure the safety of Massachusetts residents and communities. The MPTC is responsible for training and setting training standards for local police, University of Massachusetts police and state environmental police.

“Providing the brave men and women who protect and serve our Commonwealth everyday with the necessary tools to do their jobs and stay safe is a priority for our Administration,” **said Governor Charlie Baker.** “In the wake of recent tragedies in Weymouth and Yarmouth, the passage of this bill represents an important opportunity to improve police training and recruitment at the local level and do more to keep law enforcement and our communities safe. We appreciate the collaboration from the Legislature on this important issue.”

“Our Administration is committed to keeping Massachusetts communities safe, and this legislation will give local law enforcement access to additional tools and services to continue protecting cities and towns,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.**

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito were joined at the State House by members of the Legislature, members of the Weymouth, Yarmouth and Auburn police, President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs Association Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, President of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and members of the Chesna and Tarentino families.

The legislation calls for up to \$10 million in annual revenue for training and also allows for revenue from the Marijuana Regulation Fund, legislative appropriations designated to the municipal police training fund and revenue from private sources such as grants, gifts and donations to be used for the fund.

“This legislation will help us to continue the Commonwealth’s proud tradition of producing some of the best trained and most capable law enforcement professionals in the nation,” **said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Daniel Bennett.** “As the demands on police officers grow, the ability to provide more training must grow as well, and that is just what this legislation makes possible.”

“We’re proud to support municipal police training programs for new and seasoned police officers across the Commonwealth as it equips them with more skills to promote safety, prevent harm and protect our communities,” **said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo.** “Thank you to Governor Baker, Chairman Sanchez, Reps. Tucker and Whelan, and the members of the House and Senate who worked to make this possible.”

“This legislation is a major step forward for police training, a critical public safety need,” **said Senate President Harriette Chandler.** “This funding will ensure that municipal police have access to crucial training, and that the Municipal Police Training Committee can expand their offerings in a way police departments have long desired. I’m grateful for the partnership of the House, and for the Governor’s support in getting this vital legislation passed.”

“I want to thank Governor Baker for joining forces with the Massachusetts Legislature to provide dedicated funding for municipal police training,” **said State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro).** “One of the most essential functions of government is public safety, and in this legislative session we took action to let local law enforcement officers know we heard you, we believe in you, and we will give you the resources needed to do your job. Today, we reaffirm our commitment to all the men and women who serve in blue for their work to make the Commonwealth safe and prosperous.”

“With this important step forward Massachusetts affirms its commitment to provide the best training possible to our brave police officers,” **said Representative Tim Whelan.** “Speaking as someone who has served 26 years in law enforcement, I want to thank the Baker-Polito administration, as well as House and Senate leadership, for joining with us in further prioritizing the safety and training of those on the front line of public safety.”

“The MPTC looks forward to utilizing these funds to help prepare the Commonwealth’s police officers for the ever-changing and multifaceted demands of the police profession,” **said Daniel Zivkovich, Executive Director of the MPTC.**

This legislation will allow the Municipal Police Training Committee to maintain critical services and expand training, including first aid training, first-line supervision training, field training, sexual assault investigator training, School Resource Officer training and instructor training courses.

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